

Conservation Practice Values and Modifiers

PRACTICE	HABITAT LAND USE						
	Crop	Grazed Range	Grazed Forest	**Other	Pasture	Hay	Wild
Brush Management 314		5	1	5	1	1	1
Cons Crop Rotation 328 ¹							
Constructed Wetland 656	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Contour Buffer Strip 332	5						
Contour Stripcropping 585	5						
Critical Area Planting 342	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Cross Wind Trap Strip 589C	2						
Early Suc Hab Dev/Man 647	9		9	9			9
Field Border 386	9						
Filter Strip 393	5		5	5			
Stream Habitat Imp. & Man. 395				9			
Fishpond Management 399				10			
Forage Harvest Management 511					2	2	2
Forest Stand Improvement 666 ¹⁰		1	10	10			10
Grass Waterway 412	5			1	1	1	
Hedgerow Planting 422				9			9
Herb Wind Barriers 603	5						
Irr Sys Tailwater Rec 447	1			1			
Land Recon. Ab. Mine 543				5		5	
Use Exclusion 472	5	9	5	9	5		9
Pasture & Hay Planting 512 ¹¹	2			2	2	2	2
Pest Management 595	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Pond 378		5	5	5	5	5	5
Prescribed Burning 338		9	9	9	5	5	9
Prescribed Grazing 528 ⁸		8	1		8		
Range Planting 550		9		9			9
Rec Area Improvement 562		5	5	5	5	5	
Rec Grading & Shaping 566				1			
Rec Trail & Walkway 568				1			
Res Mgt No & Strip Till 329A ²							
Res Mgt Mulch Till 329B ²							
Res Mgt Ridge Till 329C ²							
Res Mgt Seasonal 344 ²							
Res Man Declining Hab 643		9	9	9			9
Riparian Forest Buffer 391			9		9		9
ShallowWatMgt/Wild 646	5	9	9	9	5	5	9
Spring Development 574 ¹²		1			1		
Tree & Shrub Est 612			9	9			9
Up Wildlife Habitat Mgt 645	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Waste Utilization 633 ⁴	5						
Watering Facility 614		1	1				
Wetland Creation 658	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Wetland Enhancement 659	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Wetland Restoration 657	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Wetland/Wildlife-habMgt 644	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Wildlife Watering Fac 648	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Windbreak Shelterbelt Est 380				5			5
Modifiers							
Interspersion ³							
Native Species in Plantings/seed ⁵		2	2	2	2		2
Canopy Cover 25 to 50 percent ⁶			2	2			2
One Den Tree/snag/acre ⁷		5	5	5			5
Human Impact does not degrade ⁹			4	4			

*CTU=Conservation Treatment Unit

**Other=All land use designations not listed in the habitat land use section

Additional Practice Values

Footnote 1 - 328 Conservation Crop Sequence	
<i>Rotation Values (fallow = crop year)</i>	
Crop Rotation	Value
Continuous Cropping	1
Two Crop Rotation	5
Three Crop Rotation	9

Footnote 2 - (344, 329 A, B, C)			
Post Harvest		Tillage or Planting	Value
Tillage	Chemical		
none	none	1/1 - 5/1	6
none	1	1/1 - 5/1	5
none	more than 1	1/1 - 5/1	4
1	none	1/1 - 5/1	3
1	1	1/1 - 5/1	2
1 or more	1 or more	After 5/1	1

Note: Spring tillage/planting dates reduce negative nesting impacts

Footnote 3 - Interspersion	
<i>Count different, adjacent habitats from the assessed field or *CTU</i>	
No different habitat	0
One habitat	4
Two habitats	6
Three habitats	8
Four habitats	9

Footnote:

⁴ Count only when manure is properly applied as fertilizer.

⁵ Add 2 points where plantings or seedings are composed entirely of native ecotypes.

⁶ Count when canopy cover is 25 - 50 percent.

⁷ On forest land or other land count when one or more den trees or snags are present on each acre. Count when den trees or snags are present on rangeland.

⁸ Proper Grazing Use (528) must be applied in order to reach the RMS designation.

⁹ Add 4 points when human impact does not degrade habitat or recreational experience.

¹⁰ Forest Stand Imp. (666) must be applied to reach the RMS destination.

¹¹ Wildlife must be a primary or secondary landowner objective with 100 percent native species.

¹² Add 5 points where this spring development is an alternative water source for a pond.